A True and Faithful Account of the

Present State and Condition

Of the KINGDOM of

IRELAND:

Together with the entire Defeat of a Body of Irish under the Command of Colonel *Sarsfield*, by a detached Party of 1200 Horse and 300 Dragoons, by Lieut. Gen. *Scravenmore*, within 14 Miles of the City of *Cork*.

29. *Sept.* 1690.

HIs Majesty, King *William*, having as well by his Sage as Valorous Conduct of Affairs, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, reduced his Rebellious Subjects and Gallick Enemies to such a Degree and low Estate of Fortune, as that his Royal Prelence was not any longer indispensibly necessary to remain in that Kingdom, having put the Military and Civil Government in such Loyal and Experienced Hands, as 'tis not to be doubted would compleat the Conquest of the remainder Part of that Country, came for *England*, where he was received with the loud and inexpressible Acclamations and Rejoyceings of his People, for his Safe and Happy Return; which were in a manner no sooner ended, but a succession of Glad Tydings from *Ireland* reverberates and ecchoes a fresh the continued Success of his Majesty's Arms in all Quarters where they approach.

The Brave Col. *Wooseley*, with his unbeaten Inniskilling Troops, has signalized in divers Places of late against the Irish Raperies, in all which Rencounters he has given them a Defeat, killing a great many on the Spot, executing some of the Ring-Leaders whom he has made Prisoners, that the very Terror of his Name is now sufficient to drive them out of all those Parts, without making any farther Pursuit after them; which the last Letters, bearing date the 16*th* and 19*th* of this instant *September* signifies; which among other things assures: That this Valient and Bugbearing Colonel advanced, without the least Molestation or Impediment by the Irish, under the very Walls of *Athlone*, driving away all the Cattle the Garrison had got under their Shelter, without having any thing of Courage to sally out to obstruct his Design.

[illegible] the Right Honourable the Lord *Sydney* and *Thomas Conisby* Esq; had been sworn Lords Justices of, and entered upon the Administration of the Government; whereupon the Castle was fitting up for their Reception: And that they had already published two Proclamations; the one against impressing of Seamen, the other against Carriage-Horses, by reason it obstructed the Country from bringing Provision to the Markets. And that they had caused the Prisoners to be removed from *Dublin* to *Drogheda*.

And we are assured by some Persons that have deserted *Limerick* and *Galway*, That the French in both these Garrisons, dispairing of Success, have precipitately left and abandoned those Defences, making their Way on the 5*th* Instant on Board of some Vessels for *France*: And that Monsieur *Boisleau* the late Governour of *Limerick* with the Count *de Lauzun*, the Dukes of *Berwick* and *Tyrconnell* followed some Days after, leaving one *Thomas Hamilton* Governour of *Limerick*, with only some remains of Irish Forces; Who finding themselves in a manner deserted, and destitute of Mony, Clothes, Shoes, and many other Necessaries, have deputed [illegible] clubing about for some Mony to bear his Charges, to repair to the French Court, and to signifie to that King the extream Want they must undergo, it being impossible for them to make any farther Resistance unless powerfully assisted by his Most Christian Majesty; especially since they have been advertised, That they are like suddainly to be attaqued by Sea and Land.

And furthermore the Letters give an Account, That the Lord *Scravenmore*, being detached from his Majesty's Camp at *Tipperary* with 1200 Horse, 300 Dragoons, and 2 Companies of Danish Foot, into the County of *Cork*, whether to favour the Defence of the English Forces on Board the Grand Fleet, or to suppress the great Body of Raperies in those Parts, who under the Lord *Clancarty* has made great Devastations and Burnings, is not certainly known, but so it hapned, that Colonel *Sarsfield* being buoyed up and flushed with his late Attempt of seizing the Cannon, and thinking to have performed a second Exploit, gathered all his Forces together, amounting to the Number of 3000. Horse, marched with all possible celerity, thinking to surprize and cut off the Lord *Scravenmore* with his Detachment; but our General being advertised of his Advancing, drew near and fell upon the Colonel at some Disadvantage, and intirely defeated and cut to Pieces the whole Body of Irish: And if we may give any Credit to Fame, *Sarsfield* with only 5 of his Party escaped in the Fight; which if the Letters come confirm, We have sufficiently given him a *Rowland* for his *Oliver*.

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